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# TOWSON SELECTED BULBS

## GIANT DARWIN TULIPS

**B**LOOMING in May, these long-stemmed, giant flowering tulips are unsurpassed for their richness and delicacy of color. Groups of twenty-five or more of one variety produce striking and beautiful effects, especially when planted in front of shrubbery.

**Afterglow**—Deep rosy orange, with salmon shading at edges of petals; inside deep orange with yellowish base. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Allard Pierson**—Rich crimson maroon; fine long shaped flower. Height, 27 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Baronne de la Tonnaye**—Bright rose, margined blush rose. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Bartigon**—Very showy flower on strong stem. Fiery red with pure white base, ringed deep blue. Height 24 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**City of Haarlem**—A handsome, fiery cardinal-red of great substance. The deep violet base of this tulip, outlined in white, gives it a striking effect when open. Height, 21 inches. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

**Clara Butt**—Clear pink, flushed salmon-rose; inside much deeper, with blue base. Height, 21 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Farncombe Sanders**—Scarlet; inside vivid cerise-scarlet with white base; large flower of perfect shape. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Faust**—A large, splendid flower of deep wine color. Magnificent for rich coloring among other Tulips in the border. Height, 31 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Herodiade**—Large flower of lilac-rose. Height, 23 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**King George V**—Glowing salmon-scarlet shaded bright rose; inside brilliant orange-scarlet with blue base. Height, 25 inches. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

**La Canduer**—Flesh pink, fading to near white. Height, 24 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**President Taft**—Large, deep crimson-red flower on a very sturdy stem. Height, 20 inches. Very outstanding. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

**Pride of Haarlem**—Brilliant rosy-carmine with blue base; very large flower on tall, strong stem; sweet scented. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Princess Elizabeth**—Clear deep pink, changing with age to rose-pink, white base. Large flower. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Matchless**—Delicate old rose; sturdy grower. Height, 24 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Rev. H. Ebwank**—Lovely mauve tulip which blends well with yellow Cottage tulips. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Victoire D'Oliviere**—Deep crimson. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Wm. Pitt**—Dark crimson with purplish tinge on outer petals—white base starred blue. Height, 22 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Zwanenberg**—Pure white with black anthers. A large, substantial flower and a good white Darwin. Height, 28 inches. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

## BREEDER TULIPS

Tall and handsome, the breeder race of tulips contains many subdued colors, which are un procurable in other species. They may be safely interplanted with, and require the same cultural treatment, as the Darwins. The long stems make them particularly valuable for cutting.

**Cardinal Manning**—Large, rosy-violet, edged bronze, changing to orange towards the edge of petals. Height, 32 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Copernicus**—Dark copper bronze, flushed old rose; large well-formed flower. Height, 29 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Don Pedro**—Coffee-brown with maroon, shaded with old gold. It is the outstanding tulip in this color. Height, 21 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Louis XIV**—Rich dark purple, shaded steel blue, heavily flushed bronze, edged golden brown; enormous size

and stately bearing. Height, 30 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Panorama**—Brownish-red, flushed orange scarlet with olive green base. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Prince of Orange**—Large, very showy well formed flower of great substance; terra cotta edged orange-yellow, base yellow streaked with olive, filaments olive. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

## COTTAGE AND HYBRID TULIPS

The fact that they flower between the early tulip and Darwin and that they are probably the longest lived and the most lasting of all tulips, explains their popularity, and is the reason they deserve a place in every garden.

**Alaska**—Clear bright yellow and elegant form. The petals reflex slightly and the charm of the slender bloom is unusual. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Carrara**—Round and pure white as the marble from which it has its name. A most delicate flower. Height 25 inches. 12 for \$1.20; 100 for \$8.00

**Dido**—A perfect flower, excellent in color and form. Color is deep rich pink with yellow stripes. Very fragrant. Height, 30 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Inglescombe Yellow**—Glossy canary-yellow. Large, globular flowers. Often called the "Yellow Darwin." Height, 28 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**John Ruskin**—Salmon-rose, edged lemon-yellow; inside deep rosy-lilac with margin of yellow; large flower

of fine shape. Height, 16 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Moonlight**—Pale yellow of a lovely color; the flower is very long and of fine oval shape. Height, 25 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Mrs. Moon**—Tall yellow; vase shaped flower on sturdy stems. One of the loveliest yellow Cottage tulips. Height 25 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Picotee or Maiden's Blush**—Long, clear white. The petals are beautifully margined and penciled on edges with bright pink. Height, 26 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Rosabelle**—Beautiful salmon-rose with lighter edge. Height, 21 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Sirene**—Rich cerise-pink with pale pink at the margin of the segments and with a pure white base. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

## TRIUMPH TULIPS

Triumph tulips are the result of crossing Early tulips with Darwins and are characterized by large flowers, strong stems and heavy foliage. They bloom between the early and late flowering varieties.

**Mr. Zimmerman**—Large flower; rose-pink fading to white towards the base. Height, 24 inches. 12 for 75c; 100 for \$5.00

**Telescopium**—Violet-red suffused red-violet at the base; large flowers. Height, 24 inches. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

## BOTANICAL TULIPS

Blooming early in the season, the wild or botanical tulips are particularly useful in the rockery.

**Clusiana**—A charming species, known as the Lady Tulip. Small flower on 14-inch stem, white, exterior crimson, dark blue base. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Kaufmanniana**—White and yellow, pink outside, called the Waterlily Tulip, as the expanded flowers resemble a Nymphaea. Large flowers. Height 8 inches. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

## PARROT TULIPS

The flower when still in bud resembles the head of a parrot; hence the name.

**Fantasy**—Salmon rose with ragged edges and fantastically shaped petals; outer sides of the petals marked apple green, grows tall on stiff upright stems. 12 for \$1.20; 100 for \$8.00

**Striped**—White striped lilac.

## CROCUS VERNUS (DUTCH CROCUS)

Crocus is one of the earliest of the spring flowering bulbs, the cheery little trumpet-flowers appearing as soon as the ground is free from frost. Excellent for naturalizing.

**Yellow**—Golden yellow—free flowering.

**White**—Pure white, globular flowers.

**Blue**—Large purple-blue.

12 for 35c; 100 for \$2.50

## GALANTHUS (*Snowdrops*)

They are the first of the spring flowering bulbs to open, and are very lovely when naturalized.

**Single flowering**—White nodding blooms, out before the frost is out of the ground. 12 for 50c; 100 for \$3.50

**Sardensis**—True Gentian-blue flowers, often with 6 to 8 blooms.

**Luciliae**—Bright blue, white center, flowers often with 6 to 8 blooms on each stem.

12 for 50c; 100 for \$3.50

## CHIONODOXA (*Glory of the Snow*)

The most beautiful of dwarf blue spring flowers. They are very hardy, thriving in any garden soil, in almost any situation.

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## MUSCARI (*Grape Hyacinth*)

Very beautiful when planted in masses, either in shady places or where exposed to the full sun. Very effective when planted in the herbaceous border, but should be left undisturbed for best results. Blooms in May.

**Heavenly Blue**—Their flowers open just about the time the Crocuses are going. They are nice under trees and along borders where they may be left undisturbed. 12 for 50c; 100 for \$3.50

## SCILLA (*Squill*)

Scillas flourish in either sun or shade and are not particular as to the soil in which they grow. Ideal for the wild garden; they are not to be despised in the border, especially if left undisturbed for several years. Bloom in May.

**Campanulata Alba Maxima**—Large white flowering variety. Height 12 inches.

**Campanulata Rosea**—Beautiful rose; large spikes. Height, 12 inches.

**Campanulata Excelsior**—Deep porcelain blue, exceedingly free flowering. Height 12 inches. 12 for 50c; 100 for \$3.50

## SUPEREME HYACINTHS

The following varieties are equally good for indoor culture or outside planting. (Mammoth size bulbs.)

**King of the Blues**—Dark violet-blue; splendid large trusses.

**L'Innocence**—This is the most satisfactory all-around pure white. Compact spikes with large bells.

**La Victoire**—Shiny carmine-red with large, well-filled spikes. A splendid bedder where brilliant color is required.

12 for \$2.00; 100 for \$14.00

## NARCISSUS—(DAFFODILS)

One of the most popular of the Spring flowering bulbs is the Narcissus, blooming from March until May. They are perfectly hardy and require no further attention after planting, increasing in numbers and beauty from year to year. Excellent for naturalizing.

### YELLOW TRUMPET DAFFODILS

**Emperor**—Double nosed bulbs. Perianth primrose, trumpet darker, a forcing and bedding flower of proven merit. 12 for \$1.25; 100 for \$8.00

### WHITE TRUMPET DAFFODILS

**Mrs. E. H. Krelage (White King Alfred)**—Broad, overlapping white perianth and long creamy white trumpet with elegantly recurved mouth. 12 for \$2.00; 100 for \$15.00

### BICOLOR DAFFODILS

**Aerolite**—Deep primrose perianth with pure medium yellow trumpet. 12 for \$1.85; 100 for \$12.00

**Spring Glory**—Still a favorite for both the garden and for forcing; pure yellow trumpet, slightly paler perianth, excellent stem, and always free flowering. 12 for \$1.25; 100 for \$8.00

**Mrs. R. O. Backhouse**—The famous Pink Daffodil.

**King Alfred**—Double nosed bulbs. One of the finest of all; the new super-giant of the Yellow Trumpets. 12 for \$1.50; 100 for \$12.00

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## POETAZ NARCISSUS

**Laurens Koster**—Creamy white perianth, lemon-yellow cup, free flowering. 12 for \$1.00; 100 for \$7.00

## POETICUS NARCISSUS

**Ornatus**—Pure white cup, margined with scarlet. 12 for 90c; 100 for \$6.00

**Thelma**—The finest of the Poet's with substantial over-

lapping snow white petals and a broad light yellow cup margined deep scarlet. 12 for \$1.85; 100 for \$12.00

## NARCISSUS POLYANTHUS (*Paper-White Narcissus*)

This is everybody's flower for forcing in the house during the winter and early spring. Very easy to grow in water and pebbles, in prepared bulb fiber, or in pots filled with soil.

Best results are obtained if the first plantings are not made until November. They always do best if grown in a cool room. It is advisable to purchase sufficient bulbs early in the season to permit several plantings during the winter and spring. The bulbs will keep in perfect condition in a cool dry spare room or cellar. The later the season the quicker they will come into bloom, requiring only 12 days to come into flower if planted around Easter.

**Mammoth Bulbs**—Especially fine for growing in water. 12 for 60c; 100 for \$4.50

**Soleil d'Or or Golden Sun**—As easy to grow as the Paper Whites but just a little slower. Produces large cluster of rich golden yellow flowers with a deep orange-cup. The blooms have an exquisite fragrance which, however, is quite different from that of the Paper Whites. 12 for \$2.00; 100 for \$13.00

## HARDY LILIES (*Lilium*)

Lilies are so incomparably beautiful, that all who see them wish to grow them. Many varieties of hardy lilies are natives of this country, while others have been imported from Europe and Asia.

The varieties listed below have been selected for their hardiness, beauty, and adaptability to general conditions.

**Auratum (Gold Banded Japanese Lily)**—White, spotted crimson, with broad yellow band in center of each petal. 40c each; 12 for \$4.00; 100 for \$30.00

**Auratum Platypodium**—The largest of all Auratums with broad petals richly spotted yellow. Plant 8 to 10 inches deep in partial shade, soil should not contain lime. August flowering. 50c each; 12 for \$5.00; 100 for \$40.00

**Candidum (Madonna Lily)**—Best known of all lilies, very easy to grow; delicately fragrant. June and early July flowering. 40c each; 12 for \$4.00; 100 for \$30.00

**Elegans**—See Umbellatum.

**Henryi (Henry Lily)**—Orange yellow, banded with green, with a few brown spots. Plant 8 to 10 inches deep. July-August flowering. 40c each; 12 for \$4.00; 100 for \$30.00

**Philippinense Formosanum**—Not unlike the Regale Lily in general appearance. The substantial blooms are trumpet like, in fact, they are long, lovely white flowers with a beautiful pale emerald-green throat which gives the flower a distinct and delicate appearance. They commence blooming in early August and flower until stopped by frost. Height, 3-4 feet. 30c each; 12 for \$3.00; 100 for \$20.00

**Regale (Regal Lily)**—White suffused inside with primrose yellow and outside shaded pink. Useful in the perennial border when planted in clumps of five or more. Plant about 9 inches deep. July flowering. 35c each; 12 for \$3.00; 100 for \$20.00

**Speciosum Album**—Pure white flowers of great substance, with a greenish band running through the center of each petal. Plant 10 to 12 inches deep. August-September flowering. 50c each; 12 for \$5.00; 100 for \$40.00

**Speciosum Magnificum**—Magnificent large flowers, ivory white, suffused rosy crimson, with crimson spots. 40c each; 12 for \$4.00; 100 for \$30.00

**Superbum (American Turk's Cap Lily)**—A beautiful native variety, bright reddish orange, conspicuously spotted. Moist, semi-shaded location. September flowering. 25c each; 12 for \$2.50; 100 for \$18.00

**Tigrinum Splendens (Improved Tiger Lily)**—Bright, reflexed, orange red flowers spotted black. Plant 8 inches deep. August-September flowering. 25c each; 12 for \$2.50; 100 for \$18.00

**Umbellatum Grandiflorum**—A very free-flowering Lily of easy culture. Carries large umbellate heads of light orange-red flowers. 25c each; 12 for \$2.50; 100 for \$20.00

All of the above are selected extra large bulbs

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